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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KENYA STEPS UP ARAB LINKS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY LEARNED THAT KENYA SENT DENNIS AFANDE, FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN MFA, TO JIDDA
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ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO TO ESTABLISH KENYA'S SECOND RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN ARAB (THE FIRST IS IN CAIRO). AFANDE HAS NO STAFF SO FAR AND IS OPERATING FROM A HOTEL. MFA OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT SAUDIS ARE WELCOME TO ESTABLISH MISSION IN NAIROBI ANY TIME, BUT EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT RECENT REVELATION OF KENYAN HANDOVER OF PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS TO ISRAEL LAST YEAR

MAY CAUSE DELAY IN SAUDI PRESENCE IN KENYA.

2. MEANWHILE, FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI TOLD DCM THAT HE WILL LEAD KENYA GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO ARAB COUNTRIES DEPARTING NAIROBI ON APRIL 22, WITH FIRST STOP IN JIDDA. THIS DELEGATION WILL FOLLOW UP ON BUSINESS DELEGATION ALREADY TOURING SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: MIDDLE EAST REPRESENTS MAJOR MARKET POTENTIAL FOR KENYA IF SHIPPING PROBLEMS CAN BE OVERCOME. KENYA'S INTEREST IS NOT MERELY ECONOMIC, HOWEVER; IT APPEARS INCREASINGLY INTERESTED IN STRENGTHENING TIES WITH CONSERVATIVE ARABS IN ORDER COUNTER SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA.

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